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Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A paint roller comprising:

a frustoconically-shaped applicator having one larger end and one smaller end being opposite to the one large end, a coupling portion disposed at the one smaller end, and an external surface between said two opposite ends, said frustoconically-shaped applicator being rotatable at said coupling portion about a rotary axis; said frustoconically-shaped applicator comprises a chamber for storing paint; wherein the one smaller end bearing the coupling portion has a planar cross-section smaller than the one larger end; and wherein the coupling portion receives an external handling means that extends outwardly from the coupling portion, thereby the applicator is controlled from the one smaller end;
and

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at least one paint-absorbable member mounted to said external surface; and

at least one abutment member mountable to one of said opposite ends.

Claim 2 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, and further comprising a movement coupler detachably coupled to said coupling portion.

Claim 3 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said movement coupler comprises a rotary connecting portion adapted to coact with said coupling portion for rotary movement about said rotary axis.

Claim 4 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said movement coupler comprises a pivotal connecting portion adapted to coact with a pivot mount of a handle for pivotal movement of said frustoconically-shaped applicator.

Claim 5 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said frustoconically-shaped applicator further comprises at least one closable inlet leading into said chamber.

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Claim 6 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said at least one closable inlet is disposed at one of said opposite ends.

Claim 7 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said chamber comprises at least one paint-permeable portion coupled to said at least one paint-absorbable member.

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (previously amended). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said coupling portion is disposed centrally relative to said planar cross-section of said coupling end.

Claim 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (previously amended). A paint roller comprising:

a frustoconically-shaped applicator having one larger end and one smaller end being opposite to the one large end, a coupling portion disposed at the one smaller end, and an external surface between said two opposite ends, said frustoconically-shaped applicator being rotatable at said coupling portion about a rotary axis; wherein the one smaller end bearing the coupling portion has a planar cross-section smaller than the one larger end; and wherein the coupling portion receives an external handling means that extends outwardly from the coupling portion, thereby the applicator is controlled from the one smaller end;

at least one paint-absorbable member mounted to said external surface; a handle having a pivot mount; and a movement coupler detachably coupled to said coupling portion and to said pivot mount.

Claim 13 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said movement coupler comprises a rotary connecting portion adapted to coact with said coupling portion for rotary movement of said frustoconically-shaped applicator about said rotary axis.

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Claim 14 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said movement coupler comprises a pivotal connecting portion, adapted to coact with said pivot mount for pivotal movement of said frustoconically-shaped applicator.

Claim 15 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said frustoconically-shaped applicator comprises a chamber for storing paint.

Claim 16 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 15, wherein said frustoconically-shaped applicator further comprises at least one closable inlet leading into said chamber.

Claim 17 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said at least one closable inlet is disposed at one of said opposite ends.

Claim 18 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 15, wherein said chamber comprises at least one paint-permeable portion coupled to said at least one paint-absorbable member.

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Claim 19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (previously amended). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said coupling portion is disposed centrally relative to said planar cross-section of said coupling end.

Claim 22 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 12, and further comprising at least one abutment member mountable to one of said opposite ends.